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From: Richardson, Michael
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Can you answer below?

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From: **Ralston, Jill** <jralston@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, Mar 8, 2017 at 3:08 PM
Subject: Re: Time sensitive question re: Bears Ears NM
To: "Richardson, Michael" <mjrichardson@blm.gov>
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Hi Mike,

When I spoke with the staff the afternoon they had follow up questions on the meetings with FS, State, County, and Tribes. Could you please let me know how frequently you've met with each of these groups since the designation?

Thanks much!!

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On Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 5:48 PM, Richardson, Michael <mjrichardson@blm.gov> wrote:

Jill,

Included below is a list of the primary actions that we have been working on related implementation of Bears Ears National Monument. Please let me know if you need additional information on any of these topics. As you know Ed is in DC for the ELT so he may have additional input regarding your request, I have courtesy copied him so he can review.

- Identified a list of priority projects needed to improve visitor safety, protect resources, and enhance visitor experiences.
- Initiated development informational materials intended to improve visitor safety, protect resources, and enhance visitor experiences, including signs, maps, a brochure, frequently asked questions, and other web materials.
- Coordinated with the Forest Service on day to day activities and initiated discussions regarding short and long term management needs, including staffing needs, funding, and a potential service first agreement.
- Met with representatives of State, County, and Tribal governments.
- Appointed a project manager to assist local management of day to day activities.
- Documented Monument boundaries and prepared GIS information for public use.
- Initiated discussions of resources, objects, and values identified in the proclamation.
- Prepared responses to inquiries, including an information request from the State of Utah.
- Responded to daily public and media inquiries.
- Issued a press release outlining next steps.
- Prepared a Monument Advisory Committee Charter

- Prepared a Federal Register Notice calling for nominations to the Monument Advisory Committee (has not published).

Thanks--Mike

On Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 1:18 PM, Ralston, Jill <jralston@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Mike,

I just received the following question from HNR majority staff: Can you send me all information on what steps, if any, the BLM is taking to implement the Bears Ears National Monument?

Could you give me a call after the PAO call today to discuss?

Thanks much!!

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